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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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02/05/2013: Roman, UT5ERP and Sergey, US5ERQ will activate the Tokovsky Geological Reserve (WWFF URFF-112), Ukraine, as homecall/p on 2nd and 3rd May 2013. They will be QRV from 80m-10m SSB and digital modes. QSL via homecalls, bureau or direct. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Thomas, DJ6OI, plans to be active on all bands and modes (propagation permitting) as homecall/p from the following islands: 3-8 May QRV from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, DID O-001, WLOTA 0637); and 10-15 May from Helgoland Island (EU-127, DID N-014, WLOTA 0518). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DX World]

03/05/2013: Bruce, ZL1AAO, will be active from the island of Rarotonga (OC-013, WW Loc. BG08DR), South Cook Islands as E51AAO between 3-14 May, 2013. Operating holiday style (SSB only, 100w) look for him on 40-10m with homebrew wire antennas. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL. [DX World]

03/05/2013: Mek, SP7VC, and Kate, SQ7OYL, are currently activiating grid locator squares KO17ax, KO18aa, and KO07xx, until the 5th of May 2013 as ES0/SP7VC and ES0/SQ7OYL. QRV 160-2m, 70cm, 23cm, 13cm, 6cm, 10GHz, and 24GHz. QSLs via home calls and LotW. Website: www.sp7vc.pl/ [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Yoshi, JJ8DEN (ex-VP6PR, E51AIU, V63PR), plans to be active from the following islands in French Polynesia and Austral: FO/KH0PR from Puka Puka Atoll (OC-062, DIFO FO-071) until 7 May 2013. FO/KH0PR from Raivavae Island (OC-114, DIFO FO-122, WLOTA 2581) between 8-15 May 2013. Plans may change due to flight scheduling and availability of gas on Pukapuka. QRV on CW, RTTY and PSK on the HF bands. QSL via JJ8DEN, direct or bureau. [DX World]

03/05/2013: Al, KZ3AB, travels on the MV "Paul Gauguin" and will tour French Polynesia between the 3rd and 13th of May 2013. He plans to visit Tahiti (OC-046, DIFO FO-002, WLOTA 0885), Bora Bora (OC-067, DIFO FO-003, WLOTA 0430), Raiatea (OC-067, DIFO FO-012, WLOTA 1977), Taha'a (OC-067, DIFO FO-013, WLOTA 3909) and Moorea (OC-046, DIFO FO-010, WLOTA 0465). Plans are to be QRV as FO/KZ3AB on 40, 20, 15, and 10 metre SSB. QSL via WA3EOP. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Members of Radio Club of Lyly Signals Depot (OI3V) will be QRV from 3-5 May as OH0/OI3V from Eckero Island, Aland (EU-002, WWFF OHFF-037). Activity will be on 80 to 10 metre CW and SSB, possibly also digital modes. QSL via OI3V, bureau preferred. [OH3KAV]

03/05/2013: A team from the Egyptian Radio Amateur Society for Development (ERASD) plans activity from Jazirat Disuqi [aka Nelson's Island] and lighthouse (AF-109, WLOTA 2694, WW Loc. KM51BI) between 3-10 May 2013. Note: Dates may change. Belonging to the Nile Delta and Sinai Region Group, this IOTA has never been activated. The island is approximately 20 km east of the Egyptian port of Alexandria, 4 km north of Cape Aboukir. Activity will be on most HF bands, 80-10 metres. The team of operators, so far, consists of Said SU1SK, Hossam SU1HM, Ateff SU1AO and Ayman SU1AR. QSL via SM5AQD (see QRZ.com). Websites:

www.qsl.net/eara/ERASDActivieties.html and
www.facebook.com/events/441478712566533 [DX World]

03/05/2013: From 1st to 3rd May the traditional ham radio spring festival "GreenFest-2013" will take place in Dniprovsko-Teterivskyi Nature Park (WWFF URFF-070). Two stations, EM44U and EO5UFF, will be on the air during the event. QSL for EM44U via UT7UT (d/B), EO5UFF direct via US5UFF. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Eugene, UV5EVZ/p and Eugene, UW5EFU/p will repeat their traditional Krim tour once again and activate the following areas: 3rd May from Chatyr-Dag Yayla Reseve (WWFF URFF-104, URDA KR-22). 4th May from Aiya-Baidarskyi Nature Park (WWFF URFF-085, URDA SL-04). 5th May from Sphinxes Karalezskaja Valley Nature monument (WWFF URFF-132 NEW ONE!, URDA KR-06). 6th May from Bel'bekskij Canyon Nature monument (WWFF URFF-129 NEW ONE!, URDA KR-06). 7th May from The Bakhchisaray historical-cultural reserve (WWFF URFF-121 NEW ONE!, URDA KR-06). 8th May from Kaczynski Canyon Reserve (WWFF URFF-128 NEW ONE!, URDA KR-06). QSL via home calls, direct only (QRZ.com). Website: uv5evz.at.ua/

03/05/2013: Members of the club station UT4IYZ will activate Velikoanadolsky Reserve (WWFF URFF-116), Ukraine, from 3-6 May 2013. They will sign UT4IYZ on HF and VHF in SSB, CW and digital modes. QSL via UT5IH, direct or bureau. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: A team of ten Australian Radio Amateurs will be active as VK9NT from 3-13 May 2013 with four stations covering all bands 80-10 metres on CW, SSB and RTTY. Their operating QTHs will be from the Pacific Palms and Anson Bay Lodge properties on Norfolk Island (OC-005, WFF VKFF-392, WLOTA 1469). Team members include Chris VK3QB (Team Leader), Luke VK3HJ, Lee VK3GK, Benton VK3CBV, Allan VK2CA (QSL Manager/Webmaster), Catherine VK4GH, John VK4IO, Roy VK3GB, Peter VK3IJ, Graeme VK3GL. QSL either OQRS (Clublog - preferred method), ARRL LotW, Direct or via the VK QSL bureau to VK2CA. Full information can be found on their website at: vk9nt.odxg.org/ [DX World]

03/05/2013: Bob, G4DBW, is currently active from Georgetown, Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491), as ZD8RH until 3 May 2013. QRV mostly on CW when time allows (Bob is working on the island). Equipment is FT857 100 watts out with a modified MP-1 portable whip antenna. Usual operating frequencies around 7007 10105 14007 18073 21007 24897 28007 kHz. QSL via home call, direct or bureau [DX World]

04/05/2013: Daniel, DL5YWM, reports that he will be active as HC8/DL5YWM from Isla de Santa Cruz (WLOTA 1667, WWFF HCFF-004, Grid Loc. EI49), Galapagos Islands (SA-004) between 4-11 May 2013. Activity will be holiday-style on 40-6 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX World]

04/05/2013: Roland, DL1EAL, will spend his vacation (May 4th to 15th) on Texel Island (EU-038, WLOTA 0043). As PA/DL1EAL he will operate holiday style on 40-10 metres with 100W and vertical atennas. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DXNL]

04/05/2013: Operators Geert ON7USB, Tim ON5HC, Pat ON7PQ, Jurgen ON5MF and Francis ON8AZ plan to be active as TM3B from Ile de Batz (EU-105, DIFM MA-018) between 4-11 May 2013. This activity will also count for L'Ile de Batz lighthouse (DPLF PB-094, ARLHS FRA-071, TWLHD WLH F-004, WLOTA 0680, WW Loc. IN78XR). Further information and updates will soon be available on their website at: www.eu105.be/ [DX World]

04/05/2013: Leonid, UR2LM/p, will be active on the 4th and 5th of May 2013 from Svyato-Uspenskaya Kievo-Pechorskaya Lavra (WCA UR-00066, UCFA KV-001), located in the National Historical and Cultural Reserve "Kiev-Pechersk" (WWFF UUFF-002).

He plans to be QRV on 160, 80, 40, 20 and 2 metre SSB and FM. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [RN1CW]

04/05/2013: Bob, K4UUK, will be active as V31RD from Belize City, Belize, from 4-18 May 2013. QRV on 80-6 metre SSB only. QSL via home call, direct preferred or via the bureau. [DXAT]

05/05/2013: Masa, JA0RQV, will be active as A35JP from Tongatapu Island (OC-049), Tonga, between 5-22 May 2013. Working for the Tongan government primarily, Masa will QRV (80-10m CW/SSB) during his spare time (most nights, local time). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW. [DX World]

05/05/2013: On 5th May 2013, Piotr M0MNV will be M0MNV/m or /p from the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Natural Park (WWFF GFF-259). He plans to start in the morning and depending on battery life and weather conditions stay on the air thoughout the afternoon. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DXNL]

05/05/2013: Look for Joakim, SA7BGN, to be active as homecall/p from the island of Krokholmen, an uninhabited island of the Skagerak sea, from 5-8 May 2013. He will run with a simple wire antenna, max 100W. Bands: 40, 20 and 17 metre SSB. QSL via SM5DJZ. [rsgbiota.org]

06/05/2013: David, ON4DN will be active holiday style as MJ/ON4DN/p from the isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818) on 6-9 May 2013. He plans to operate from various lighthouses and WorldWide Flora-Fauna (WWFF) references. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

07/05/2013: Look for Gert, ZS6AYU, to be active holiday style as C91GR from Bilene, Gaza province, Mozambique, between 7-11th May 2013. Plans are to be QRV on 40-10 metre CW only, with 350 to 400W into R7000 vertical antenna. QSL via his home call, direct or SARL bureau [DX World]

07/05/2013: Tony, ZL2AGY, plans to return to Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands, and will be active as E51AGY from 7th May 2013 for approx 24 days. This will be a CW only operation running a K3 barefoot, and may include some activity in the CQWW WPX CW Contest during the last weekend of May. QSL via home call, direct preferred - bureau OK. [DX World]

08/05/2013: Akira (JH8XGS) W3ANA/KH0 and Ben KH0/JA1RTS will be active on all bands and modes from the Saipan Rental Shack, island of Saipan (USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) between 8-12 May 2013. QSL via their JA home calls, direct or JARL bureau. [Saipan Rental Shack]

09/05/2013: Rich, KE1B and Anna, W6NN will be QRV from the island of Anguilla (NA-022, WLOTA 1474) as VP2EAQ and VP2EAR, respectively, from 9 May through 16 May 2013. This is a "Holiday" DXpedition, combining radio and Caribbean fun, so operation will NOT be maintained 24/7. They will be using a single station at 100W, with a Buddipole antenna system directly adjacent to the sea. Operation will be on all bands 40-10m (including WARC), and all modes (CW/SSB/RTTY). They expect to have Internet access, and plan to upload logs to Clublog daily. You can check your QSO status and request a QSL card via the Online QSL Request System. [DX World]

10/05/2013: A large group of Westnet DX Group members will be active as EJ7NET from the Aran Islands (EU-006) from 10-15 May 2013. Team members include EI6FR, EI3HA, EI2GX, EI7DSB, EI5IQ, EI2KC, HB9ASZ, HB9DGV, MM0BIM, GM3YEH, GM0DJG and GM3OZB. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via Declan EI6FR, direct and/or LoTW.

Sorry, NO eQSL or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

10/05/2013: Continuing the Camb-Hams traditional Scottish Island activations, GS3PYE/p will be active once again from the isle of Mull (IOSA NH15, SCOTIA CN10, WLOTA 2485, Grid Loc. IO76), Inner Hebrides (EU-008), from Friday 10th May until Thursday 16th May, 2013. All HF bands from 600m (472kHz) to 10m covered with five stations on air simultaneously, all capable of running the legal power limit from five linear amplifiers. Also 6m, 4m and 2m with a great take-off to the UK and Europe, again all at legal limit. With the success of EME last year we will focus more effort in 2m EME. QSL via M0VFC (OQRS via QRZ.com). Further information and updates can be found at: dx.camb-hams.com/ [rsgbiota.org]

10/05/2013: Ronny, OT4R/ON4ARV, plans a holiday style operation as HI7/OT4R from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA 2974, WW Loc. FK58TN) between 10 May and 1 June 2013. QRV all days from 2000 UTC - 2200 UTC on 14.266, 21.226 and 28.450 MHz, SSB and PSK modes. Equipment: FT-817 with dipole for 20/15/10m. QSL via e-QSL to HI7/OT4R. Further information and updates on his website at: www.ot4r.net/ [NG3K]

10/05/2013: DX Plus Hellenic Amateur M. I. Team members John SV1GE, Cliff SV1JG, Manos SV1ME, Spiros SV1RC, George SV1RP, Vangelis SV2BFN, Takis SV2FWV, Mike SV8GKE and Theodoros SV1GRM will be active as SX5KL from Kalolimnos Islet (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-048, MIA MGD-011, ARLHS ARLHS DOD-030, GRE-076, WLOTA 0662, WW Loc. KM37MB) between 10-20 May 2013. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via SV2FWV, direct or bureau. Also to LoTW. Online logsearch will be available on Clublog. Further information can be found on their website at: sx5kl.no-ip.org/ [rsgbiota.org]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

11/05/2013: ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND MILITARY/AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TEST - The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/amateur radio communications tests in celebration of the 63rd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD). Although the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 18, 2013, the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted 11 May 2013 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention (17-19 May 2013), which is the same weekend as the actual Armed Forces Day. The annual celebration features traditional military to amateur cross band communications SSB voice and Morse Code tests. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWL) an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills, and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to those stations making contact with the military stations. Full details can be found at: usamars.us/crossband_2013.htm [AF MARS]

11/05/2013: Operators Paul MJ0PMA, Mathieu MJ0ASP, Phil GJ4CBQ and Steve MJ0ULE will be active as GH3IT from the GJ2A contest station, La Moye, isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE) on 11th and 12th May 2013. They will be QRV on all HF bands, with focus on LF and WARC band CW and SSB. The log is uploaded promptly to LoTW and Clublog. OQRS for direct and bureau cards - Your QSL is not needed. [NG3K]

15/05/2013: With flight tickets booked, Alex HD2A and Alberto HC2AQ plan to be active from Isla de Santa Cruz (WLOTA 1667, WWFF HCFF-004), Galapagos islands (SA-004) as HD8A for 4 days starting 15th May 2013. They will operate on the HF bands using a TS-590 + amp / TH6 beam + wires. QSL via HD2A, direct only (QRZ.com). [DX World]

15/05/2013: Members of the Castres DX Gang will be active as TM5FI from Ile de Ratonneau (EU-095, DIFM ME-003, MIA MF-024, DFCF 13-061, WW Loc. JN23PG), Frioul Archipelago, between 15-22 May 2013. QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via F5XX, direct or bureau. Online log will be hosted by ClubLog Website: www.qrz.com/db/TM5FI [DX World]

16/05/2013: John YB5NOF, Anton YB5QZ Anton and 2 others plan to activate some islands of Indonesia. John, YB5NOF, has received two licenses and callsigns for the expeditions. His plan is as follows: The callsign YE8P will be used to activate Pulau Banggai [Banggai Island] (OC-208), located at the far eastern end of Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, between 16-19 May 2013. The team will then travel to Pulau Togian [Togian Island] (OC-213), in the Gulf of Tomini, off the coast of Central Sulawesi, and be QRV as YB8P between 22-26 May. [JN6RZM]

18/05/2013: Ian, 2E0EDX/p, will be active on 18th May 2013 for the CASHOTA weekend from Mile Fortlet 21 (CASHOTA G-303, WAB NY04, WW Loc. IO84GI), Cumbria, England (EU-005, WLOTA 1841). QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [CASHOTA UK]

18/05/2013: The members of Clube Radioamadores do Entroncamento CS5CRE will be active on the 18th of May 2013 from Amieira do Tejo Castel (WCA CT-00086, DCFP C-086, DMHP PG-010, DMP 1212), located in the Provice of Portalegre. They plan to work with the special callsign CR5AT on HF bands CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via direct to CS5CRE and eQSL. [RN1CW]

25/05/2013: Look for John, KK9A, to be active as P40A from the island of Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (25-26 May). Plans are for a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL goes via WD9DZV, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

26/05/2013: VUCC grid hunters who need Canadian grid EO40 may want to listen for Mike WB8BZK/VE3 who will activate EO40ud for six days from Seseganaga Lake, Thunder Bay District, in Ontario, from 26-31 May 2013. Band: 50 MHz SSB and CW. Frequencies: 50.135 MHz (starting on the calling freq, 50.125 MHz and moving up to 50.135 during an opening). Equipment: Icom 706 with 100W into a 3-element beam up 30 feet, battery powered. Activity times: Mike will check for activity each morning at 1230Z and then again between 2230Z and 2300 each evening. He will also give it a try if the WX is too nasty to go out fishing. For QSL, send SASE to WB8BZK address on QRZ.com. [MMMonWHF]

01/06/2013: Harry, AA2WN plans to be active from Viti Levu Island (OC-016, WLOTA 0055), Fiji, as 3D2WN between 1-7 June 2013. QRV on the HF bands, holiday-style. QSL via home call. [DX World]

26/07/2013: Paul, M3KBU, wlll be active as MM3KBU/p between 26 July and 2 August 2013 from the island of South Uist (IOSA OH03, SCOTIA HI06, WLOTA 2972), Outer Hebrides (EU-010). He also plans to be QRV in the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July). QSL via M3KBU, direct only (QRZ.com). [rsgbiota.org]

27/07/2013: Kilmarnock and Loudoun Amateur Radio Club members Allan GM3OZB, Barry GM3YEH, Bill GM3ZRT, Steve GM4OSS, John GM0DJG and Gordon MM0BIM will be active as GM0ADX during the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July) from the isle of Skye (IOSA NH07, SCOTIA CN14, WLOTA 1626), Inner Hebrides (EU-008). QSL via GM0DJG. Website: www.klarc.org/ [rsgbiota.org]

27/07/2013: Pierre, ON7PC and Fred, ON6QR will be active as MM/ON6QR, a Multi-Op/All-Band/Mixed/Low-Power entry in the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July), from Orkney west mainland (EU-009, IOSA OR01, SCOTIA OI14, WLOTA 1652). Look for some activity before and after the contest. QSL via ON6QR, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

27/07/2013: Operators Alexandre PY5BH, Vagner PY5DC, Fleck PY5DJ, Fernando PY5FO, Goncalves PY5IN, Vigand PY5QW, Antonio PY5AB, Marcelo PY5ZD and Nei PY5AKW will be QRV as PR5D during the RSGB IOTA Contest (27-28 July) from Ilha do Mel (SA-047, DIB PR-01, WLOTA 1435), Parana State, Brazil. Note: Band and QRG - will be chosen depending on propagation and conditions. QSL only direct to PY5DC (see QRZ.com). Website: www.perdigueirosradioteam.com.br/ [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

03/05/2013: 4J20RO and 4K20RO are special event calls celebrating 20 years of the Russian Centre of Science and Culture in Baku, Azerbaijan. Active till the year's end, QSLs via 4J6RO. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Look for special event station 8J1ITU to be active on all bands and modes during the entire month of May 2013 to celebrate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. QSL via the bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/05/2013: Special event station 8J2I will be aired from May until 30 November 2013 to celebrate the Shikinen Sengu Ceremony (Reconstruction of a shrine building once every 20 years at Ise Jingu or Ise Grand Shrine). Ise Grand Shrine is a Shinto shrine dedicated to goddess Amaterasu-omikami, located in Ise-city (JCC 2103), Mie prefecture, Kansai region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. Officially known simply as Jingu, Ise Jingu is in fact a shrine complex composed of a large number of Shinto shrines centered on two main shrines, Naiku and Geku. The shrine buildings are rebuilt every 20 years as a part of the Shinto belief of the death and renewal of nature and the impermanence of all things - wabi-sabi - and as a way of passing building techniques from one generation to the next. The rebuilding of the main shrine takes place on an adjacent site next to the old, and each rebuilding alternates between the two sites. The next scheduled rebuilding of Naiku is due in 2013 on the lower, northern site. QSL via the bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/05/2013: Special callsign 8J2KSG7X will be active on all bands and modes until 31 October 2013 to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Kasugai-city (JCC 2007), Aichi prefecture, Chubu region, island of Honshu (AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. During the Meiji period, the area was organized into villages under Higashikasugai District, Aichi, with the town of Kachigawa established on July 25, 1900. On June 1, 1943, Kachigawa merged with neighboring villages of Toriimatsu and Shinogi to form the city of Kasugai. In 1958, Kasugai annexed the neighboring towns of Sakashita and Kozoji. Kasugai gained Special city status on April 1, 2001. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/05/2013: Special station 8J88Y will be QRV on all bands and modes until 9 June 2013 to celebrate the 22nd Yosakoi Soran Festival (A festival, which is mixed (1) a Naruko (or a clapper) of Yosakoi Matsuri (or Festival) in Kochi prefecture and (2) a local folk song "Soran Bushi (or Song)" in Hokkaido prefecture. Where, - Yosakoi: "Come on over tonight," and - Soran: A hoy when pulling in a fishnet to catch herring.). Every June, the Yosakoi Soran Festival, a huge dance festival in Hokkaido, is held in the Odori Park, Sapporo-city (JCC 101, JCG 01029), Ishikari Subprefecture, Hokkaido prefecture, island of Hokkaido (AS-078, WLOTA 2967), Japan. A number of special stages are constructed, and thousands of dancers parade and dance down the streets and on the stages. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

03/05/2013: Special callsign DA0KOL will be active from Buchholz, Germany, on all bands and modes during the entire month of May 2013 to celebrate the 200th birthday of Adolf Kolping (1813-2013). S-DOK 200KOL. QSL manager is DL4HCF. QSL via the bureau is preferred, also eQSL. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Special event station DR0PALAEON brings attention to the oldest human-made weapons ever discovered in an archaeological exploration near Schoeningen, Germany. The discovered spears date back ca. 300000 years. Activity begins May 2013 and will continue till the end of March 2014 (special DOK SPEERE only 16th of May 2013 - 15th of June 2013). QSL via the bureau and eQSL. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Special callsign HB10BE is currently active until 31 December 2013 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Amateurfunkgruppe Burgdorf (HB9BE). QRV on all bands and modes, including various contests. QSL via the bureau to HB9DNF. Website: www.hb9be.ch/

01/05/2013: Slovakia's telecommunications agency was installed 20 years ago. Special event station OM20TUSR will be active to celebrate this event. The agency's spokesman, Roman Vavro (OM3TOW), will be QRV until 31st of December 2013. QSL via OM3RP. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: OM60DAT is a special event station in the context of the 60 year anniversary of the Transport Academy in Trencin. QRV till the end of the year on all bands in CW, SSB, BPSK, and RTTY. QSL via OM4CI, bureau preferred and eQSL. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: Geetruidenberg, Netherlands, was granted city rights 800 years ago. Because of that Cor PA0GTB, Bert PA1BM, Frank PA1FM, Bert PA2TT, and Louis, PA3ATN will put special event station PA800GTB on the air from May till the 31st of October. QSL via the bureau. [DXNL]

03/05/2013: To honor the memory of those who defended the Russian motherland during World War II and contributed to the Victory, memorial QSL cards and the Victory - 68 Award will be issued by the Soyuz Radiolubiteley Rossii and the "Radio" Monthly, as a confirmation of the QSO's made from 0805 UTC) 3 May to 1400 UTC 9 May 2013. The following stations are planned to be active for the award: RP68A (Arkhangelsk) RP68AN (Anapa) RP68B (Belgorod) RP68BR (Bryansk) RP68D (Dimitrov) RP68EL (Elnya) RP68GE (Yelets) RP68H (Khabarovsk) RP68IT (Kollino) RP68K (Kursk) RP68KL (Lalatch-na-Donu) RP68KO (Kovrov) RP68KS (Kozelsk) RP68KT (Kronshtadt) RP68L (St. Petersburg) RP68LU (Luga) RP68M (Moscow) RP68MG (Malgobek) RP68MU (Murmansk) RP68MV (Mozhaysk) RP68MY (Maloyaroslavets) RP68N (Naltchik) RP68NF (Naro-Fominsk) RP68NR (Novorossiysk) RP68NV (Velikiy Novgorod) RP68O (Orel) RP68OP (Lomonosov) RP68PD (Pskov) RP68PL (Polarniy) RP68RD (Rostov-na-Donu) RP68RZ (Rzhev) RP68S (Smolensk) RP68SO (Stariy Oskop) RP68ST (Volgograd) RP68T (Tula) RP68TO (Tikhvin) RP68TP (Tuapse) RP68TR (Taganrog) RP68PK (Petropavlovsk Kamtchatskiy) RP68TV (Tver) RP68V (Vladivostok) RP68VA (Vyazma) RP68VB (Vyborg) RP68VL (Vladikavkaz) RP68W (Voronezh) RP68WL (Velikiye Luki) RP68WN (Volkolamsk). From the Ukraine look for the following stations EM68U (Kiev), EN68JK (Kertsch), EO68F (Odessa) and EO68J (Sewastopol). QSL via operators' instructions. Full information of the Victory - 68 Award can be found at: www.dxawards.com/REALSHORT.htm#68 [DXNL]

03/05/2013: To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the world well-known ARC of Provins, F6KOP, and the inauguration of its new facilities, will be aired the special callsign TM35KOP, between 3-18th May 2013. All modes, including rare ones will be used from 160m to 10 GHz, from the locator JN18PN. Most activity on week ends, on 8th and 9th May and on 18th May, date of the manifestation in Provins. QSL bureau goes via the French Bureau to F6KOP. Direct QSL go via F5NQL (address ok in QRZ.com) SAE= 1 valid IRC (preferred) or 2$. As you know, F6KOP organized some big dxpeditions in the past like 5V7C, TO7C, 5H1C, J5C, XT2C, PJ4C, TJ9PF, 5X8C, TK7C, IS0R, TS7C, TM7CC, TM7C, and more in the French IOTA's. [F5NQL]

03/05/2013: Look for Alan, VE2AEJ, to be active during the entire month of May 2013 as VX2X from Lac-du-Cerf, Quebec, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the First Class Operators Club (FOC). QSL VX2X via VE2AEJ, direct or bureau. [IC]

03/05/2013: Ala, VE3HX, will be using the special callsign XM3X in the month of May 2013 from Ottawa, Ontario, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the First Class Operators Club (FOC). QSL XM3X via VE3HX, direct or bureau. [IC]

03/05/2013: Commemorating the 90th anniversary of Radio Malabar (callsign PKX), special event station YE90PK will be active on 3-5 May 2013 from the site of the former radio station, at Gunung Puntang in West Java (OC-021, WLOTA 1660). QSL via YB1LZ (OQRS on Club Log) and LoTW. [425 DX News]

03/05/2013: Special callsign ZW1CCOM54 commemorates the 54th anniversary of the Communications Course of the Military Academy of Agulhas Negras. The callsign will be used in DXpedition Agulhas Negras which happens on May 1, 2013. The DXpedition Agulhas Negras is part of the celebrations of the Week of Communications Brazilian Army that happens in AMAN from 1-5 May 2013. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZW1CCOM54 [DXNL]

04/05/2013: The "Englandspiel monument" - commemorating the death of 54 Dutch secret agents during a German counter-intelligence operation between 1940 and 1944 - will be the QTH of special event station PA54ES on the 4th of May 2013. QTH is Den Haag, The Netherlands. QSL via the bureau. Website: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Englandspiel [DXNL]

04/05/2013: Bob, PA5V, will be active as PA75FOC on 4-31 May 2013 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of FOC (www.g4foc.org/) QSL via PA5V, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

04/05/2013: On 5 May 1923 the Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies opened officially the two-way telegraphy radio service from Radio Malabar (callsign PKX) to Radio Kootwijk in The Netherlands (callsign PCG). Celebrating the 90th anniversary from the Dutch side, special callsign PI90PCG will be active on 4-28 May. QSL via bureau. [425 DX News]

05/05/2013: The Ballymena A.R.C. will be active at the annual Shanes Castle May Day Steam Rally, Shanes Castle Estate (CASHOTA GI-026, WCA GI-00032, WAB: J18, WW Loc. IO64UR), Antrim, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland (EU-115, WLOTA 1439). They will be QRV on the 5th and 6th of May 2013 using the callsign GN4KPT on various modes and bands. QSL via MI0RYL, bureau or direct. Further info can be found at: http://gi3fff.synthasite.com/ [CASHOTA UK]

06/05/2013: The radio club of Pau (F6KDU) will get on the air as TM64PAU in the context of the 72nd Grand Prix Car and the 4th Grand Prix History between the 6th and 21st of May 2013. QSL via F6KDU, direct or bureau. Website: f6kdu.wordpress.com/activation-2/tm64pau/ [DXNL]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

03/05-08/05 DJ6OI/P: Fehmarn Island WLOTA:0637 QSL H/c (d/B)
03/05-13/05 FO/KZ3AB: Tahiti Island WLOTA:0885 QSL WA3EOP (d)
03/05-13/05 FO/KZ3AB: Bora Bora Island WLOTA:0430 QSL WA3EOP (d)
03/05-13/05 FO/KZ3AB: Raiatea Island WLOTA:1977 QSL WA3EOP (d)
03/05-13/05 FO/KZ3AB: Taha'a Island WLOTA:3909 QSL WA3EOP (d)
03/05-13/05 FO/KZ3AB: Moorea Island WLOTA:0465 QSL WA3EOP (d)
03/05-10/05 SU8N: Geziret Disuqi WLOTA:2694 QSL SM5AQD QRZ.com
03/05-13/05 VK9NT: Norfolk Island WLOTA:1469 QSL VK2CA (OQRS/d/B)

03/05-05/05 YE90PK: Java WLOTA:1660 QSL YB1LZ (OQRS/LoTW)
04/05-11/05 HC8/DL5YWM: Isla de Santa Cruz WLOTA:1667 QSL H/c (d/B)
04/05-15/05 PA/DL1EAL: Texel Island WLOTA:0043 QSL H/c (d/B)
04/05-11/05 TM3B: Batz Island WLOTA:0680 QSL ON8AZ (d/B)
06/05-09/05 MJ/ON4DN/P: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/05-15/05 FO/KH0PR: Raivavae Island WLOTA:2581 QSL JJ8DEN (d/B)
08/05-12/05 KH0/JA1RTS: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL H/c (d/B)
08/05-12/05 W3ANA/KH0: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL JH8XGS (d/B)
09/05-16/05 VP2EAQ: Anguilla Island WLOTA:1474 QSL KE1B (d/B)
09/05-16/05 VP2EAR: Anguilla Island WLOTA:1474 QSL W6NN (d/B)
10/05-15/05 DJ6OI/P: Helgoland Island WLOTA:0518 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/05-16/05 GS3PYE/P: Isle of Mull WLOTA:2485 QSL M0VFC (QRZ.com)
10/05-01/06 HI7/OT4R: Hispaniola WLOTA:2974 QSL eQSL only
10/05-20/05 SX5KL: Nisis Kalolimnos WLOTA:0662 QSL SV1GRM (d/B)
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6 METRES & UP -

03/05-18/05 TM35KOP: 35yrs ARC Provins Grid:JN18PN 6m-10GHz all mode QSL Buro
04/05-04/08 6 Meter DX Marathon SO/All Modes/Open 04 0000z-04 Aug 2400z
04/05-05/05 Araucaria VHF Contest 6&2m FM/SSB/CW 04 0000z-05 1600z
04/05-05/05 SBMS 2GHz & Up WW Club Contest Phone/CW 04 0600-05 2000 Local
04/05 Spring VHF/UHF 902 MHz & Up Sprint SO/Fixed/Rover 0600-1300 Local
04/05-05/05 7th Call Area QSO Party 6m/2m simplex 04 1300z-05 0700z
04/05-05/05 Cupa Napoca Contest CW/Phone/SO/MO 2m-1.2G 04 1400z-05 1400z
04/05-05/05 36th All MIE 33 Contest 6m-70cm classes 04 2300z-05 0300z
04/05-11/05 HC8/DL5YWM: Santa Cruz SA-004 Grid:EI49 6m CW/SSB QSL H/c (d/B)
04/05-18/05 V31RD: Belize City Grid:EK57 6m SSB QSL K4UUK (d/B)
07/05 Independence Day VHF/UHF SO/Phone/CW/6m-70cm 0700z-1000z
07/05 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
07/05 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
08/05 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1800z-2000z
08/05-12/05 KH0/JA1RTS: Saipan Island OC-086 Grid:QK25 6m+Sat QSL H/c (d/B)
08/05-12/05 W3ANA/KH0: Saipan Island OC-086 Grid:QK25 6m+Sat QSL JH8XGS (d/B)
09/05 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
09/05 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
09/05 SPAC May 50MHz Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2100z
10/05-16/05 GS3PYE/P: Mull EU-008 Grid:IO76 6m-70cm+2mEME QSL H/c (QRZ.com)
10/05-20/05 SX5KL: Kalolimnos EU-001 Grid:KM37 6m CW/SSB QSL SV2FWV (d/B)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_may.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 02 May 2013)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week!

QSLs via Direct: 9M4SLL (OQRS/M0URX), 9Q6CC (CX5CC), D3AA (UA1QV), EA9/DL2RNS (H/c), H75A [NA-209] (NI5DX), HK6F (EA5KB), T2TT (K8NA), T46RRC [NA-204] (OQRS/RZ3EC), TB4/DJ7RJ (H/c) TR8CA (F6CBC), TT8TT (I2YSB), VK3TZ/3 [OC-136] (H/c), VU2PAI (QRZ.com), VY0/VE3VID [NA-174] (H/c), XR0YG (OQRS/G3TXF), XT8TT

(I2YSB) and XW4XR (E21EIC).

QSLs via LoTW: 3C0E and ZS8M.
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LINKS -
CIsA (Canadian Islands Award Program) at: www.qsl.net/ve3tpz/cisa/
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
VEFF - Canada Flora & Fauna at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
VEFF Yahoo! Group at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: www.wwff.co/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

1st HPC WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST
Dear radio amateurs and members of Hellenic PSK Club, proudly announce the 1st HPC World Wide DX Contest 2013 that will be run at second weekend of May 2013. Contest rules and more information will be posted in next days when a new tab add on official web site at: pskclub.gr/
See also on facebook our event: www.facebook.com/events/504375436296349
Best 73 de Hellenic PSK Club contest committee.

HB - SWITZERLAND
Hi
We are pleased to announce the next HBFF expedition:
Date: Saturday, May 4th, 2013
Reference: WWFF HBFF-016 - Park Chasseral (BE), Nature Park
Locator: JN
Call: HB9AFI/p
Time: From 06:00 UTC to 11:00 UTC
Bands: 40m, 30m, 20m
Modes: Some SSB but mostly CW
Operator: Kurt HB9AFI
We wish you to have fun with ham radio and HBFF-016 hunting.
Please , apply the DX Code of Conduct, tnx!
73 es 44 de HBFF Team

HH - HAITI
Tom, KC0W (ex-ZD7X, XU7XXX), will be active from the extreme northern tip of Haiti as HH5/KC0W for 18 days in July 2013. He states: "This will be a CW only DXpedition on 80-6m using vertical antennas over salt water. The operating location has unobstructed take-offs to North America, Europe and Africa. Haiti has been under-represented on CW. More info before July." [DX World]

NA 223 Gracias, NA-035 Santanilla, NA-160 Cochinos -
Website now ready. It will updated as fresh news arrives. Today, Dan HR2DMR visits the authorities to get the permit to stay 4-5 days on each island. His sons may join him (both new hams), but not certain yet.
http://hriotas.com/
73 Col, MM0NDX

XZ1K - MYANMAR
During the months of May and June 2013 Simon, HS0ZIB will again operate XZ1K from Tanintharyi State, south Myanmar. He will only operate on PSK31, according to when he has free time. From 1st July, Simon will be working in Laos, but he

will try to return each holiday to re-activate XZ1K. QSLs will only be available via online verification. There is of course, no bureau in Myanmar and he will have no permanent address there. Simon will mail out a hard-copy QSL for each QSO verification. SWLs may also submit their reception reports. Website: www.qrz.com/db/XZ1K [DX World]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/
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